

**Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 4, 2003, 10am-3pm**  
**Truman Building Room #490, Jefferson City, MO**

**Members in Attendance:**

Andy Clements - SJATSO (St. Joseph MPO)  
Chip Cooper – PedNet Coalition  
Ed Cordero - Federal Highway Administration  
Caryn Giarratano – MoDOT BPC  
Angela Hermann - Department of Health  
Brent Hugh – MO Bicycle Federation  
Debra Lee - Division of Tourism  
John Murrell - MO Assoc. of Coun. of Gov.  
Chris Ricks – MO Highway Patrol  
Mike Right - American Automobile Association  
Mitch Skov - CATSO (Columbia MPO)  
Jessica Terrell – MO Department of Natural Resources  
Terry Whaley - SATSO (Springfield MPO), OG  
Willard Worts - Department of Elem. and Sec. Ed.  
Vicky Williams – MO Div of Highway Safety

**Members Absent:**

Wes Ballew - EWGCC (St. Louis MPO)  
Aaron Bartlett - MARC (Kansas City MPO)  
Troy Bolander - JATSO (Joplin MPO)  
John Bower – Trailnet  
Dale Brigham - Department of Health  
Melva Fast - CAMPO (Jefferson City MPO)  
Bob Foster – MO Bicycle Federation  
Bob Kirkman - Blue Springs Runners  
Donna Mueller – Gov. Cou. on Phy. Fit. & H

**MoDOT District Representatives present:**

Renate Wilkinson D1  
Roy Hogsett D2  
Dave Hurt D3  
Dion Knipp D5  
Larry Welty D6  
Andrew Seiler D7  
Dawne Gardner D8

**MoDOT District Representatives absent:**

Hope Visconti D4  
Rick Pilcher D9  
Steve Duke D10

**Guests:** Randy Niere - Missouri Bicycle Federation, Sue Cox, MoDOT, Tempe Humphrey – Division of Highway Safety, Brad McMahan - FHWA

**Introductions:** Caryn Giarratano (CG), Bike/Ped Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mitch Skov agreed to take the minutes. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Report of Subcommittees:**

*Share the Road Policy:* Revisions have been made to the draft policy, including clarification of language and of definitions.

*BP Legislation:* Bicycle Federation of MO is revisiting legislation they had proposed during the past legislative session. This proposal did not go through. Changes may be made and a new proposal put forth during the next session.

*Highway Patrol Website* – No action on this currently. Work needs to be done to get this up and running.

*MO Driver Guide* — A number of suggested changes have been submitted to the Dept. of Revenue for possible inclusion in future MO Driver Guides. The suggested changes were designed to better and more clearly reflect Missouri law and good driving practice with respect to cyclists and pedestrians throughout the

Guide. The suggestions have been sent up the chain of command in the Dept. of Revenue. Indications are that at least some of them will be adopted.

*Safe Routes to School* – MARC sponsored an all-day training earlier this year. Johnson County Wastewater taped the workshop and produced DVDs. Staff are pricing reproduction cost of a two CD/DVD set for distribution to schools and other groups. A MARC letter will be sent to local area school officials regarding the SR2S program and resources available through MARC. Enclosed will be a flyer about the October 8, International Walk to School Day. We are encouraging schools that are interested to contact us for material on SR2S. At the point we run out of NTSHA books, we will begin directing them to NTSHA. We will keep the DVDs around so that more may be produced if needed.

*Pedestrian Safety*: Caryn asked for volunteers for a new subcommittee dealing with pedestrian safety, including the creation of a information packet. Members volunteering were Chip Cooper, Angela Herman, Willard Worts and Mike Right.

*Cross State Routes*: Discussion occurred about the national bicycle routes that cross Missouri. These include the Mississippi River Trail (MRT), Lewis and Clark Trail and Transamerica Trail (TAT). Caryn wants to identify BPAC members to coordinate information regarding these trails. She thought it especially important to focus attention on these trails in light of a survey in which bicyclists using the TAT reported that of all the states in which they rode, they experienced the most unfriendly motorists in Missouri. LCT: Andy Clements, Brent Hugh. MRT: Dave Hurt, Larry Welty. TAT: Debra Lee, Terry Whaley.

## **MoDOT District Reports**

*District 1* – Renate Wilkinson reported on a current construction project to add sidewalks to one of the busiest streets and pedestrian unfriendly areas in St. Joseph.

*District 2* – A number of pedestrian and bicycle construction projects are occurring here, funded with Enhancement dollars, as reported by Roy Hogsett.

*District 3* – Dave Hurt noted that the office is working to identify sections of highway proposed to be part of the MRT. A new four-lane section of US 61 is being constructed north of Hannibal. The question is whether this roadway will be a better route for the MRT than some more isolated, low-traffic road closer to the river.

*District 5* – Dion Knipp works with the Enhancement program in this district. He noted that the Missouri River bridge at Jefferson City had been re-striped for better bicycle accommodation. Also mentioned the striped bicycle lanes on the new Route AC corridor in Columbia.

*District 6* – Larry Welty reported that MoDOT continues to incorporate bike/ped considerations into their projects, including Share the Road signage. The district is working with Trailnet on an education program. Also, MoDOT has ads informing bicyclists that all of the Bi-State buses have bicycle racks. He also noted that East-West Gateway is working on an RFP for an update to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan.

*District 7* – Andrew Seiler stated that there are 17 Enhancement projects ongoing in the District.

*District 8* – Dawne Gardner reported that the district just finished a project to replace older storm grates with new bicycle friendly grates. There are also are a number of Enhancement projects ongoing.

## **MPO Reports:**

*CATSO* (Columbia) – Mitch Skov noted that staff is currently doing a sidewalk inventory by property parcel for the entire area. This will provide the best possible database on sidewalk location.

*SATSO* (Springfield) – Terry Whaley stated that the MPO is currently doing a 12-mile greenway corridor study for the north side of town. This will be funded by the parks sales tax. Land and easement acquisition is now underway. They are also building an underpass at Campbell Street, a four-lane north-south corridor, for one of their greenway trails. This will replace an at-grade crossing.

*SJATSO* (St. Joseph) – Andrew Clements talked about his conversations with a consulting engineer, Ross Greathouse, who has contacts with some private endowments, to fund/tier a trail system in the four-state area of Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas. It is possible that the Lied family trust may fund part of such trail construction. Andy has had discussions with Caryn and Aaron Bartlett of MARC regarding this. He also mentioned a two-mile long trail project currently underway, which will connect a major commercial corridor to a residential area. A trail connection between Kansas City and St. Joseph would be desirable, and devoting some effort to corridor preservation is necessary for this to occur.

### **State Agency Reports:**

*Division of Highway Safety* – This agency administers the federal highway safety grant program. Traffic safety countermeasure programs (such as sobriety checkpoints, speed enforcement, underage drinking, child safety seat training, traffic offender tracking programs) are funded through state and local government agencies. Public information campaigns are developed by the agency to heighten awareness to traffic safety issues with special emphasis on wearing seat belts and drinking drivers. The agency partners with Safe Kids, ThinkFirst, the Safety Council, Act MO, local law enforcement departments and many other state agencies and local organizations to promote traffic safety. Currently part of the Department of Public Safety, this agency will be transferred to MoDOT effective August 28, 2003. They are currently working on a bicycle and pedestrian safety brochure and had to cancel the helmets to kids program.

*Division of Tourism* – Debra Lee reported that the agency will have a new hiking/biking page designed on their Web site to incorporate all of the locations statewide in one location on the site.

*Highway Patrol* – Chris Ricks said that his agency is distributing the A-Z safety booklets.

### **Other Reports:**

*Federal Highway Administration* – Ed Cordero introduced Brad McMahon, who took the position vacated by Dave Edwards. Brad will be the bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the FHWA Missouri. Cordero encouraged members of the committee to provide suggestions/comments to their Representatives and Senators about the renewal of Enhancement funding in the new highway legislation.

Discussion ensued on the topic of Enhancements. Chip addressed the group, suggesting that we take a position on the reenactment of the STP Enhancement program. He moved that it is in the best interests of the people of Missouri that the Enhancement Program be retained in its current form, including a 10% set-aside for Enhancement projects from STP funds. Terry seconded the motion. Other members questioned the appropriateness of such an action, and no formal vote was taken. Brad stated that it is likely the Enhancement program will be retained, but a question to be considered is how the delivery of that program is to be implemented. He suggested that the BPAC group could be part of an expanded stakeholder group to have input into how MoDOT will conduct the program, and that the program may not stay the same here, for example, the format and composition of the Enhancement selection committee may change. Brad believed that having more decisions being made at the local level is positive re: He thought that the current process of distributing money competitively to communities should be continued. It was suggested that the

Enhancement category scoring should be weighted to favor bike/ped facility projects. It was also suggested that MoDOT's default position should be provide to bike/ped accommodations on roads and bridges. Chip suggested forming a subcommittee on Enhancements that would advise the committee on how to approach this issue. Those interested in serving on such a subcommittee are: Chip, Andy, Brad, Terry, and John Murrell. (Editor's note...BPAC serves to advise MoDOT and other agencies regarding bicycle and pedestrian issues and cannot as a group take part in political action.) An Enhancement subcommittee was suggested to include: Chip Cooper, Andy Clements, Johnny Murrell, Terry Whaley and Brad McMahan.

*MO Association of Councils of Government* – John Murrell talked about the shortage of trails identified in the statewide Recreation Plan.

*AAA* – Mike Right talked about the report the agency has commissioned to be done on pedestrian fatalities on Interstate highways. Nearly 20% of all pedestrian deaths in 1999 in Missouri occurred on Interstates. He distributed bicycle safety placemats for children.

*Ozark Greenways* – Terry reported that one of their recreation trails in the Springfield area has been designated a National Recreational Trail by the National Park Service. Construction of a five-mile section of trail to connect Willard to Springfield is underway. The organization did a variety of activities during bike to work week. They are looking at the possibility of installing bicycle lockers downtown. Some riders with expensive bicycles are uncomfortable locking them up outside. The issue came up due to the presence of a policy not allowing bicycles inside state buildings, as there is a state office building downtown. Some workers there did not ride their bicycles to work due to this policy. Caryn asked for a subcommittee to look into this policy. Willard and Terry will serve.

*Pednet* – Chip Cooper talked about the Model Street Standards group now working on revising design standards for the City of Columbia. The group should be finished by the end of August, with a recommendation delivered to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Recommendations are expected to include: narrowing residential streets to slow traffic, lowering costs and reducing the amount of impervious surface. Chip also talked about the Robert Wood Johnson's Active Living by Design grant program. Pednet is competing for a grant that would provide a minimum of \$200,000 over five years for the purpose of getting children to bicycle and walk to school. The funding would be for promotion and for providing facilities. Pednet has made on the list of the 30 finalists. Ultimately 25 of those groups will receive funding.

*Missouri Bicycle Federation* – Brent Hugh mentioned MARC's Greenway Plan for the KC Metro area and wondered if there was any possibility of doing a statewide greenway plan. This might be similar to doing a Missouri River Trail plan across the state. The latter would be more practical than some other ideas, as it already exists from St. Charles to Boonville as the Katy Trail. He also asked for volunteers to put together a safety brochure which would advise motorists on how to relate to bicyclists, and also vice-versa. Brent passed out examples of such brochures from other states. Chip Cooper and Mike Right will work with him on this.

### **Summary of Subcommittee members:**

Share the Road Policy: Dale Brigham, Mitch Skov, Jessica Terrell.

BP Legislation: Bob Foster, Brent Hugh, Chris Ricks.

Highway Patrol Website: Bob Foster, Brent Hugh, Chris Ricks.

MO Driver Guide: Chip Cooper, Brent Hugh.

Safe Routes to School: Aaron Bartlett, Angela Herman.

Pedestrian Safety Packet: Chip Cooper, Angela Herman, Mike Right, Willard Worts.

Safety Flyer for Motorists and Bicyclists: Chip Cooper, Brent Hugh, Mike Right.

Public Building Policy: Terry Whaley, Willard Worts.

Lewis and Clark Trail: Andy Clements, Brent Hugh.

Mississippi River Trail: Dave Hurt, Larry Welty.

TransAmerica Trail: Debra Lee, Terry Whaley.

Enhancement Update: Chip Cooper, Andy Clements, Johnny Murrell, Terry Whaley and Brad McMahan.

**Adjourn** at 2:15 pm. Meetings are held every three months on the first Monday of the month (the next three meetings are: November 3, 2003; February 2, 2004; May 3, 2004).